EXHIBIT NO. 16

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BILL NO. SB491

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 491 1st Reading Copy

Requested by Senator Dave Lewis

For the Senate Taxation Committee

Prepared by Lee Heiman March 19, 2009 (4:50pm)

1. Title, line 6. Following: "LAW;"

Insert: "PROVIDING A TRANSITION PROVISION;"

2. Page 2, line 7.

Insert: "(3) (a) For the purposes of this section, "group benefits" means group hospitalization, health, medical, surgical, life, and other similar and related group benefits provided to officers and employees of political subdivisions, including flexible spending account benefits and payments in lieu of group benefits.

(b) The term does not include casualty insurance as defined in 33-1-206, marine insurance as authorized in 33-1-209 and 33-1-221 through 33-1-229, property insurance as defined in 33-1-210, surety insurance as defined in 33-1-211, and title insurance as defined in 33-1-212."

3. Page 2, line 28.

Strike: "local government units"

Insert: "political subdivisions, as defined in 2-9-101, except
 school districts"

4. Page 3, line 8.

Strike: "unit of local government"
Insert: "political subdivision"

5. Page 3, line 16.

Strike: "the"

Insert: "that year's average annual contribution and subtracting
 from that amount the"

6. Page 6, line 4.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 4. Transition. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a political subdivision that levied mills for group contributions pursuant to 2-18-703 in fiscal year 2009 may for the fiscal years 2010 through 2014 levy the greater of:

- (a) the dollar amount levied in 2009; or
- (b) the amount determined in 2-18-703.
- (2) The actual dollar amount under subsection (1)(a) may

not include an amount for group benefits paid from user charges described in 2-9-212(2)(a)(i)." Renumber: subsequent sections

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Explanation - Deletes "disability" from version handed out at hearing.